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# Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

## Report of the Second Committee

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## I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to allocate item 121 to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 35th meeting, on 18 December 2007 (see A/C.2/62/SR.35).

## II. Consideration of the draft decision contained in document A/C.2/62/L.62

3. At its 35th meeting, on 18 December, the Committee had before it its draft programme of work for the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (A/C.2/62/L.62), which had been submitted by the Chairperson on the basis of consultations held with the Bureau of the Committee.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its draft programme of work for the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, as contained in document A/C.2/62/L.62, and recommended its approval by the General Assembly (see para. 5).

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# III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

5. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

## Programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly approves the programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-third session of the Assembly as set out below:

1. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.
2. Information and communication technologies for development.
3. Macroeconomic policy questions:
   (a) International trade and development;
   (b) International financial system and development;
   (c) External debt and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries;
   (d) Commodities.
4. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference.
5. Sustainable development:
   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;
   (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;
   (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;
   (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;
   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;
   (f) Convention on Biological Diversity;
   (g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session.

6. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).

7. Globalization and interdependence:

   (a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;

   (b) International migration and development;

   (c) Culture and development;

   (d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption;

   (e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy.

8. Groups of countries in special situations:

   (a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

   (b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation.

9. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

   (a) Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017);

   (b) Industrial development cooperation.

10. Operational activities for development.